



Motivate, Innovate and Create



Great Resources

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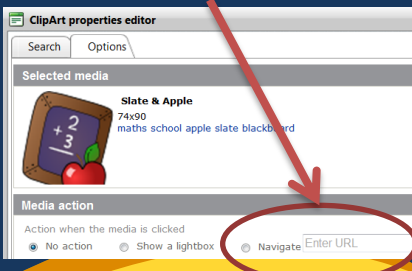
[Class Blog Template](#)

Studio key S61378435

This studio has been designed for you to copy and customise. You can use this studio for class blog activities. Each page has had a discussion added to it. You can rename each page by clicking on the page and then double clicking on the title. You can then add a student per page.

Edstudio Tip:

Many teachers are using edstudio to link web resources. A handy tip is to use the navigate option with images. This allows you to add a web link to an image which can make it more user friendly for younger students. You add your image or clip art and in the options section select navigate and paste in the web address (URL).



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Digital Mind Maps

Using a mind map or concept map during the inquiry process can help students sort and organise their information into a visual format and look for common links. Digital technology can help student easily create mind maps, save and share them.

There are many different options to create a digital mind map. A popular one is called www.bubbl.us.



This free software allows you to create a mind map, change colours and move concepts around. You can also save an image of the mind map without needing to register.

[Click here to view a blog with a video tutorial and contributions by others on ways to use bubbl.us in the classroom.](#)

It is also useful to use sites such as [Visuwords](#) or [Lexipedia](#) at the same time to help stimulate ideas for the mind map.

Here is a mind map on how to create a mind map.

http://www.buzan.com.au/How_To_Mind_Map.pdf

Image Attribution:

www.FreeDigitalPhotos.net

For more Mind Mapping tools and software visit this Learning Pathway - [Access key L87186571](#)



Great Resources

Learning Pathways:

Flash Forward - Creating games and apps with Actionscript 3.0

Access key L9065273

Created by Kristine Kopelke

Flash CS5.5 can be used by students to create games and apps for use on iOS devices including iPads and iPods / iPhones. They also created their own Android app and tested it on an Android device - the Samsung Galaxy II.

Typing Games and Tutorials

Access key 4463661

This learning pathway provides a range of games, tutorials and learning objects to help students develop their typing skills.

Internet etiquette and safety

Access key 2552922

Created by Minka Elliot

A collection of educational resources on Internet safety, cyber bullying and Internet etiquette (Netiquette).

The Art of Commenting

One of the powerful aspects of blogging is the ability to comment. By commenting, students can give and receive feedback and learn appropriate online behaviour. Here are some tips on how to improve the commenting process.



- Respond to the topic of the post
- Continue the conversation
- Connect to content learned or discussed in the classroom
- Challenge the point of view
- Add more information such as a link or a new idea
- Be positive and encouraging.
- If you disagree, be polite about it.
- Re-read your comment before you send
- Aim for correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar.
- Don't use chat or texting language like lol, i, or u.
- Encourage more than just social comments

Always start with something positive

Thank you for sharing.....
I enjoyed reading your blog.....

You may wish to provide prompts to assist students when commenting

- This made me think about....
- I also wonder if.....
- Your writing made me form an opinion about....
- This post is relevant because.....
- I discovered....
- I can relate to this because.....
- I agree because.....
- I disagree because.....
- Your post reminded me of
- Have you also thought about.....



To encourage comments, students may wish to end their post with a question, ask for contributions and reply to comments promptly to keep the conversation going.

Don't forget to check the [OneChannel Calendar](#) for great Professional Development Opportunities.



Software Focus

Scratch

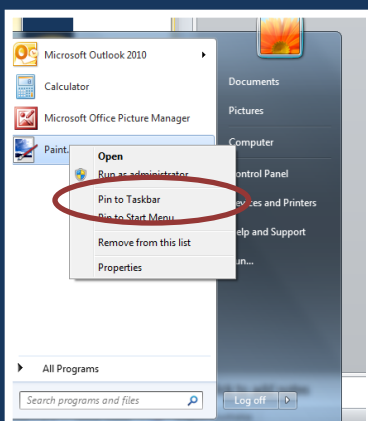
Scratch is a free software which provides programming language that makes it easy to create your own interactive stories, animations, games, music, and art.

[The Scratch website](#) provides tutorial cards which students can work through at their own pace.

Know your Laptop

A handy function of Windows 7 is you can now pin applications to you're the task bar. Which is the bar along the bottom of your desktop. This is useful for applications you use often so you can access them quickly.

This can be done by right clicking the application and then selecting pin to task bar or you can click and drag the icon to the task bar.



Blue Green Screen Photography

Blue Green screen photography is a special effect for layering two images or videos to create an illusion. The technique is used mainly to remove and replace the background of an image.



In some cases a blue or green screen can be used and a process called chroma keying can be used to replace the green or blue. However, it is also possible to remove the background of an image without a blue or green screen.

Why replace the background?

By replacing the background you can create interesting illusions such as,
Travel the world, visit outer space, travel back in time, enter a story, make objects smaller or larger than usual, change a head onto a different body and create surrealistic images.

How to replace the background?

There is a range of commercial software such as photoshop, however, there is software on our laptops and free downloads we can use.

Images

[Paint.net](#)

[2010 PowerPoint](#)

Video

[Wax 2.0](#)

[Windows Movie Maker](#) (NCR Aust. Curriculum Conference Studio)



Web Conference recordings

[Mark Staines: Paint.net](#)

[Mark Staines: Wax 2.0](#)

[To view more ideas using multimodal products click here to view the Multimodal magic studio.](#)



edTube:

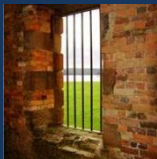


KTK Tutorials

Access key A4162282

This is a great collection of video tutorials, made by students in the North Queensland Region.

**Port Arthur –
Convict Australia**



Access key A3904322

A series of photos from around Port Arthur complex in Tasmania. Feel free to add additional photos from this location for student use in projects. Some images may be great as green screen backgrounds.

**How to make a
gingerbread man**



Access key A251349

This is an album containing images showing the process of making gingerbread men. They can be used as part of sequencing activities with students. Use these in conjunction with Photo Story to create your own multimodal procedural text.

Digital Spelling Resources

There are some great digital resources which allow students to practice their spelling skills. Some resources provide a range of words for students to learn and some allow you to customise the list of words. For example, [Spelling City](#) is a website which allows you to add your own words or lists. The site generates games using the list of words and you can also print worksheets if you don't have a computer for every student.



[Click here to view a blog with instructions on how to use Spelling City with your students](#)

As an alternative there are many sites which allow you to create word games such as word searches and crosswords.

There are also many apps for mobile devices which provide opportunities to practice spelling. A great example of this is called [Spellosaur](#). This app allows you to add your own list. You can also record your voice saying the word. The app provides 4 levels of activities for each list.

[Click here to view a Learning Pathway with further Spelling resources for you to explore.](#)

Calling for contributions:

To make this newsletter a useful resource for everyone. I would love to start a section called *Handing over the MIC*, which is will be an article written by others, showcasing the use of ICT in their practice. If you are interested please email me on shend5@eq.edu.au

For more information be sure to click on the orange underlined text which are links.